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# Free Standing Metal Carports



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## **Permit Requirements**

A building permit is required to be obtained prior to the construction of a free standing metal carport. All residential carports regardless of size or permit requirements are required to be located per the City's Zoning ordinance and constructed per the currently adopted Building Code.

### **Zoning regulations:**

1. A free standing metal carport may be constructed within three feet of the side property lines. The rear yard setback shall be five feet if no alley and ten feet if there is an alley, unless a utility or drainage easement exists. Carports may not be constructed in drainage or utility easements (including overhangs).
2. A distance of three feet must be maintained between any portion of the carport and the primary structure.

3. The area of all structures on the lot shall not exceed 35% of the lot area (30% in the "R" zoning district).
4. All carports must be compatible in design, appearance and materials with the primary structure. Tents and awnings shall not be considered carports.
5. Typically a carport cannot be closer to the street than the front building line of the primary structure (the house).
6. If the property is located within a designated Historical District, prior approval from the Heritage Commission is required.

### **Applying for a permit:**

**Complete and submit a building permit application** and include the following documents / information with your submittal:

1. **Site plan** - drawn to scale showing dimensions of the legal parcel, all existing and proposed structures with dimensions, setbacks with dimensions, and easements with dimensions. The site plan shall also show how the carport will be accessed from the public street.
2. **Survey** - Under certain circumstances a survey may be required.
3. **Indicate on the permit application how the contractor will anchor the carport to the ground.**

4. **A brochure or photo of the proposed carport, including the manufacturer.**

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### **Design Requirements:**

1. Size & depth of footings vary with the manufacturer
2. Carports shall be manufactured with 12 gauge steel in order to meet City of Salina Building Codes.
3. A concrete slab is required under the carport.
4. A hard surface driveway consisting of gravel, asphalt or concrete is required.
5. If a new approach for the driveway leading to the carport is planned, the approach shall be concrete and shall meet the City's specifications for concrete work in the right of way. Please consult with the Engineering Division of Public Works, Room 205, City County Building, 785-309-5725 regarding these requirements.